

# Message Notes

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**HIS STORY OUR STORY**  
New Creation (Revelation 21-22)  
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◆ The Story ends w/God \_\_\_\_\_ the world as it is \_\_\_\_\_ to be.

## Understanding Revelation

The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants what must soon take place. **Revelation 1:1**

- ① Revelation is a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Century \_\_\_\_\_ in Asia Minor.
- ② It is also a \_\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. (Rev 1:3)
- ③ It's an \_\_\_\_\_, meaning "to \_\_\_\_\_" what is \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ It \_\_\_\_\_ those who are \_\_\_\_\_ in loyalty to Christ in \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ those who are \_\_\_\_\_ their faith.

## The End of The Story—Revelation 21-22

- ◆ In the end, God \_\_\_\_\_ His original intention for \_\_\_\_\_.
- I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! Gods' dwelling place is now among people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, & God Himself will be with them & be their God. **Rev 21:3**

- ◆ God will \_\_\_\_\_ all that was \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen 3)
- ◆ As co-heirs w/ Christ, we'll \_\_\_\_\_ God in \_\_\_\_\_ His Kingdom.
- ◆ Above all, we'll know Him \_\_\_\_\_ -to- \_\_\_\_\_ in perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

## Living It Out Today

- ① The Story's end provides \_\_\_\_\_ that God will keep His \_\_\_\_\_.
- ② It helps us \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ about the Christian life.
- ③ It \_\_\_\_\_ what it means to \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ Christ as \_\_\_\_\_ Lord with our \_\_\_\_\_ life until the \_\_\_\_\_ of our life or His return.
- ◆ Will I remain \_\_\_\_\_ until *His Story/Our Story* \_\_\_\_\_ in victory?

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| The Beginning                                                              | Genesis                         | The End                                                                              | Revelation            |
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| "In the beginning, God ..."                                                | 1:1                             | "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End"                            | 21:6                  |
| God creates first heaven and earth, eventually cursed by sin               | 1:1                             | God creates a new heaven and earth where sin is nowhere to be found.                 | 21:1                  |
| Water symbolizes uncreated chaos.                                          | 1:2                             | There is no longer any sea.                                                          | 21:1                  |
| God creates light and separates it from darkness                           | 1:3-5                           | No more night or natural light; God Himself is the source of light.                  | 21:23; 22:5           |
| God gives humans dominion over the earth.                                  | 1:26-30                         | God's people will reign with Him forever.                                            | 20:4, 6; 22:5         |
| "Marriage" of Adam and Eve                                                 | 2:24                            | Marriage of Last Adam and His bride, the church                                      | 19:7; 21:2, 9         |
| Satan introduces sin into the world.                                       | 3:1-7                           | Satan and sin are judged.                                                            | 19:11-21; 20:7-10     |
| The serpent deceives humanity.                                             | 3:1-7, 13-15                    | The ancient serpent is bound "to keep him from deceiving the nations."               | 20:2-3                |
| Death enters the world.                                                    | 3:2, 4:3-8; 4:9                 | Death is put to death.                                                               | 20:14; 21:4           |
| Sin enters the world.                                                      | 3:6                             | Sin is banished from God's city.                                                     | 21:8; 22:15           |
| Sinful people refuse to serve/honour God                                   | 3:6-7; 4:4-8; 4:5               | God's people serve Him.                                                              | 22:3                  |
| Community forfeited                                                        | 3:8, 4:8                        | Genuine community experienced                                                        | 21:3, 7               |
| God abandoned by sinful people                                             | 3:8-10; 4:5                     | God's people (New Jerusalem, Kingdom of Christ) made ready for God; marriage of Lamb | 19:7-8; 21:2, 9-21    |
| Sinful people ashamed in God's presence                                    | 3:9-11                          | God's people will "see His face."                                                    | 22:4                  |
| People rebel against the true God, resulting in physical & spiritual death | 3:10-19                         | God's people risk death to worship the true God and thus experience life.            | 20:4-6                |
| Sin brings pain and tears.                                                 | 3:16-17; 6:3-6                  | God comforts His people and removes crying and pain.                                 | 21:4                  |
| Sinful people are cursed.                                                  | 3:16-19                         | The curse is removed from redeemed humanity and they become a blessing.              | 22:3                  |
| Sinful people are forbidden to eat from the tree of life.                  | 3:22-24                         | God's people may eat freely from the tree of life.                                   | 22:2, 14              |
| Sinful people are sent away from Eden.                                     | 3:22-24                         | God's people have their names written in the book of life.                           | 20:4, 6, 15; 21:4, 27 |
| Exclusion from Eden of Eden                                                | 3:23                            | Invitation to marriage supper of Lamb.                                               | 19:9                  |
| Sinful humanity is separated from presence of holy God.                    | 3:23-23                         | God's people experience God's holiness (sacred city—Most Holy Place).                | 21:15-21              |
| Sinful people are sent away from garden.                                   | 3:23-24                         | New heaven/earth includes a garden.                                                  | 22:2                  |
| Sinful people are banished from presence of God.                           | 3:24                            | God lives among His people.                                                          | 21:3, 7, 22; 22:6     |
| Sinful humanity is cursed with wandering (exile)                           | 4:10-14                         | God's people are given a permanent home.                                             | 21:3                  |
| Sinful humanity suffers a wandering exile in the land.                     | 4:11-14                         | God gives His children an inheritance.                                               | 21:7                  |
| Creation begins to grow old and die.                                       | 5:4, 8, 14, 17, 20, 27, 31; 6:3 | All things are made new.                                                             | 21:5                  |
| Sin results in spiritual sickness.                                         | 6:5                             | God heals the nations.                                                               | 22:2                  |
| Water is used to destroy wicked humanity                                   | 6:1-7:2                         | God quenches thirst with water from spring of life.                                  | 21:6, 22:1            |
| Sinful people are scattered.                                               | 11:3-9                          | God's people unite to sing His praises                                               | 19:6-7                |
| Languages of sinful humanity are confused.                                 | 11:9-9                          | God's people are a multicultural people.                                             | 21:24, 26; 22:2       |

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